

Smallpox shots begin at CAFB

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

Columbus AFB started smallpox vaccinations for medical responders and people deploying to certain locations.

“While no direct threat to Columbus AFB exists at this time, the health and safety of our people — especially those at greatest risk — are our top concern,” said Col. Bryan Funke, 14th Medical Group commander.

“Smallpox is contagious and deadly. An outbreak would disrupt missions, readiness and combat capability of our armed forces,” Funke said.

“The best way to counter this threat is through vaccinations,” he added.

Smallpox vaccinations are not new to the United States military. The armed forces temporarily halted the program in 1982, two years after the World Health Organization declared the disease eradicated.

According to Dr. (Lt. Col.) Keith McCoy, 14th MDG, the vaccine is effective but requires careful use.

“Smallpox vaccine contains live vaccinia viruses not smallpox itself,” he said. “Once administered, it creates an immune response that protects against variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox.”

Careful use also includes thorough screening.

“The Air Force has taken important measures to make sure people and their families don’t have any complications from the vaccination,” Funke said. “Before anyone receives the vaccine, they go through a detailed health questionnaire about themselves and their families. The answers to these questions determines whether they receive the vaccine here, at their deployed location or not at all.”

Five groups of people are considered at special risk of smallpox vaccine complications:

- People with atopic dermatitis or other significant exfoliative skin conditions
- Patents with leukemia, lymphoma or generalized malignancy undergoing radiation or other cancer therapy
- Patients with HIV infection
- People with hereditary immune deficiency disorders
- Pregnant women

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2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Manual defroster

Brad Vaughn, DynCorp, scrapes ice off a T-37 Tweet windshield prepping the aircraft for flight. The second phase of primary training is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying.

Annual award winners are top dogs

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing annual award winners were announced Feb. 7 at the Columbus Club.

“These winners are the true representation of the outstanding job everyone does on this base,” said Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th FTW commander.

The winners for 2002 are:

- **Flight Commander of the Year** — Capt. Charlie Ohliger, 41st Flying Training Squadron
- **Instructor Pilot of the Year** —

- 1st Lt. John Gallemore, 37th FTS
- **Company Grade Officer of the Year** — Capt. Corey Simmons, 48th FTS
- **First Sergeant of the Year** — Master Sgt. Bruce Freed, 14th Medical Group
- **Senior NCO of the Year** — Senior Master Sgt. Chris McCollor, 14th Mission Support Squadron
- **NCO of the Year** — Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Boteler, 41st FTS
- **Airman of the Year** — Senior Airman Rachel Aden, 14th Operations Support Squadron
- **Honor Guard Member of the Year** — Thaddaeus Werner, 14th Mission Support Group

- **Category I Civilian of the Year** — Troyce Gottwald, 14th Comptroller Flight
- **Category II Civilian of the Year** — Karron Cole, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
- **Category III Civilian of the Year** — Debbie Warner, 14th MSS
- **Volunteer of the Year** — Nancy McCollor

“I am proud to have these highly motivated professionals set the example throughout the next year,” Schmidt said.

(Editor’s note: Please check out the Feb. 21 issue of the Silver Wings to see more information on the 2002 annual award winners.)

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People who have already received the smallpox vaccination as children will be revaccinated, even though they may have partial protection.

“Protection [from the vaccine] lasts for five to 10 years after first vaccination,” McCoy said. “Solid protection after revaccination lasts about 10 years. Partial protection lasts longer, but people need to be



This is a vial of the smallpox vaccine.

revaccinated if too much time has passed.”

The vaccine also carries possible side effects.

“About 30 percent of those taking the vaccine may develop headaches, fatigue, muscle aches, pain or chills, usually eight to 12 days after vaccination,” McCoy said. “Very rarely, smallpox vaccine can cause swelling of the brain or severe skin reactions. While rare, death can occur in about one to two per million people.”

While the side effects might make people a little uneasy, the affects of smallpox on the un-vaccinated is deadly.

“The mortality rate in a smallpox outbreak is about 30 percent in unvaccinated people,” Funke said. “An outbreak would also stress military medical operations because there is no way to cure smallpox patients. Vaccination is the only way to ensure the health and safety of our forces.”

The medical group has an informational brochure about smallpox and the vaccination.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Air Force Reserve Maj. Marty Maddox marks a Pentagon employee's arm before vaccinating her against the smallpox virus in the Pentagon's health care clinic Jan. 21. Maddox is an individual mobilization augmentee nurse who was activated last year.

PROMOTEES

The following officers and enlisted people promote in February. The promotees are:

To major:
Bryan Runkle, 14th Flying Training Wing; Brent Whitney, 50th Flying Training Squadron

To captain:
Kevin Beach, 41st FTS; John Gallemore, 37th FTS

To master sergeant:
Kennie Celestine, 14th FTW

To technical sergeant:
George Couch, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Patrick Deahl, 14th Comptroller Flight

To staff sergeant:
James Grenade, 14th Security Forces Squadron

To senior airman:
Monica Alvarado, 14th OSS; Deena Deal, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Reginald Demps, 41st FTS; Samuel Fain, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Kevin Govern, 14th OSS; Tait Iverson, 14th CES; Jessica Lewis, 14th OSS

To airman first class:
Brianna Deridder, 14th MDOS; Victor Nanez, 14th CES; Michael Patrick, 14th Mission Support Group; James Pennington, 14th CES

To airman:
Mary Molnar, 41st FTS; Andrea Shircliff, 14th Communications Squadron



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Mixing with ‘media’

Rahilu Bah, Sarah West and Clare Haefner, Mississippi University for Women students who played the media role, interview Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training commander, during the major accident response exercise Feb. 6, simulating an on-base aircraft crash. The purpose of these exercises is to prepare the wing for the operational readiness inspection.

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

Mission Report

T-1A Goal: 984.0 hrs.	Flown: 925.6 hrs.	T-37 Goal: 1,056	Flown: 1,110
T-38A Goal: 250	Flown: 250	T-38C Goal: 378	Flown: 283
As of Wednesday			

Students graduated in FY03: 109
Next graduating class: SUPT Class 03-06

NEWS BRIEFS

Holiday hours

Monday is President's Day. Due to the holiday, the shoppette hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. The commissary and exchange are closed. Services hours are on Page 9.

Dorm dinner

The monthly dorm dinner is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. This month's menu is fried chicken with all the fixings. Call Ext. 2500.

History celebration

A Black History Month celebration is from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the chapel. The multicultural committee invites everyone to celebrate the rich culture of African Americans. Various displays of art, books and clothing are shown. Food tasting events, poetry reading, singing by the Columbus Mississippi Black Voices and Miracle Temple choirs and a rhythmic "Step Show" are also available. There are games and prizes for children. For more information, call Ext. 2788 or Ext. 3576.

22 days
until the
operational readiness
inspection.
Are you ready?

Officials re-emphasize caution using military mail system

Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — World events have Air Force postal officials re-emphasizing the need for security when using the military mail system.

In particular, postal officials are concerned that airmen might not use an appropriate amount of discretion when distributing their overseas mailing addresses.

To reduce the vulnerability of using the mail system as a means to attack military people abroad, the Department of Defense officially suspended all "any servicemember"-type mail programs in late 2000.

Those programs allowed the general public to address letters and care packages to "any servicemember," and those items would in turn be delivered to mili-

IPs leave cockpit for intern program

Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young
Public affairs

Two Columbus AFB instructor pilots were recently selected out of 430 applicants for the Air Force Intern Program. Capts. Corey Simmons and Mark Robinson, 48th Flying Training Squadron, were two of the 50 Air Force captains chosen to complete the two-year program.

The program provides selected captains a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge of leadership and application of air and space power.

After meeting the eligibility requirements, they had to go through a selection process in which their squadron commander nominated them, according to the AFIP Central Selection Boards' standards, as the most qualified candidates.

"Honestly, you put your entire Air Force record on about 15 lines of paper and hope the person reading it likes what it says," Robinson said, who's the 48th FTS IP of the year.

Simmons and Robinson are scheduled to begin the four-phase program Aug. 22.

"I expect to have the opportunity to work closely with Air Force leaders in a high-paced environment," Simmons said, who's also the 14th Flying Training Wing company grade officer of the year. "I expect [the AFIP] to be challenging, rewarding and fun."

"I can tell you a lot about flying the KC-10 in the Middle East or the T-1 in Mississippi, but not nearly enough about non-ops issues," Robinson said. "I hope to learn how headquarters-level decisions are made and how macro Air Force policy is formulated."

Simmons and Robinson inprocess and become better oriented with the Pentagon and Washington D.C. area during phase one.

During phases two and three, they take one semester of full-time graduate level courses in leadership and management at



Capt. Corey Simmons and Mark Robinson, 48th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilots, go over a checklist before a T-1A flight.

George Washington University, Washington D.C. They also complete two separate internship tours, rotating at the six-month point with at least one of the rotations being outside their primary specialty.

They may choose whether they want to continue their graduate studies at GWU, post assignment back to the field or complete another six-month rotation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, joint staff, secretariat and/or air staff during phase four.

"Upon completion of the [AFIP] I will be sent back to an appropriate weapons system — preferably a C-17 — where I will continue on the normal progress track," Simmons said.

"I've been wearing a flight suit to work for six years now, and I imagine I'll be more than anxious to put it back on after two years out of the cockpit," Robinson said. "Where I'll wear it, I'm not sure."

For more information about the AFIP, log onto the AFIP Web page at afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/AFIP-2003.htm.

viduals to an APO address provided by a well-meaning servicemember.

"These are all well-intended programs to support the military," Eichholz said. "In the past those programs worked well, but today the same programs open us up to attacks from unknown sources. We have to take as many safeguards as we can to protect our mail system."

Postal officials recommend that people be as prudent with their APO addresses as possible — limiting where they post their address and to whom they hand it out.

"We recommend ... that members not just give out and advertise their APO addresses," Eichholz said. "Keep it for your business purposes and for your correspondence, but don't advertise it on a Web site."

He said there are some Web sites asking for people's addresses. On other Web sites,

people leave their address to get a pen pal.

"We recommend people don't do that," Eichholz said. "You don't know where that mail is coming from or who has access to that address. You need to safeguard your APO address a little bit."

While the Air Force is emphasizing that people keep a short leash on their APO addresses, officials recognize that the American public wants to show support for its troops.

Fortunately, said Eichholz, there are avenues where people can do just that without jeopardizing their security.

"First, they've got the electronic 'any servicemember' programs," Eichholz said. "You can also help by supporting the various aid societies."

Several charities also support the troops overseas.

Checklists make Air Force world go around

Lt. Col. Harvey Kelley
14th Medical Operations Squadron



Are checklists important? As we train pilots at the 14th Flying Training Wing, checklists are one of the most important tools in the aeronautical-decision-making-process.

Pilots at all stages of flying from the student to the command pilot all use checklists. Pilots use a very extensive checklist during preflight to determine airworthiness of the aircraft. As there are checklists for the aircraft, there are also checklists to evaluate a pilot's fitness to fly. One of these is the *I'M SAFE* checklist. It is a simple but effective way to assess a pilot's fitness to fly. The checklist is as follows: *Illness* — Do I have any symptoms? *Medication* — Have I taken prescription or over-the-counter drugs? *Stress* — Am I under pressure at work? Am I worried about financial, health or family

matters? *Alcohol* — Was my last drink within eight hours?

Fatigue — Am I tired or not rested? *Eating* — Am I adequately nourished? As can be seen checklists are essential to the safety of the pilot and aircraft.

Is there a checklist for people who aren't pilots or aircrew members to use to evaluate their health statuses? As the 14th Medical Group preventive medicine flight commander and a dentist by profession, I know optimal health can only be achieved by prevention. Prevention can be thought of in two ways. One is to prevent accidents, illness or disease. The other is to have an illness and prevent it from progressing. The following checklist can be used in both areas of prevention. *Medications* — Am I taking medications as prescribed? Many diseases and chronic problems can be controlled and or prevented with medication. *Surgery* — In many instances surgery is life saving. Trauma is a good example, such as when the spleen is injured and requires surgery. In some situations surgery may not be the answer. An example is some type of surgery on the jaw joint. *Nutrition* — Do I eat too much? It has been shown that decreasing the daily intake of food by one third will increase your life by 10 years. Do I eat the right

types of food? The body needs the correct amount of proteins, carbohydrates and fats. Yes, I said fats. Do I get enough water? Recommendations are usually about 64 ounces per day. *Exercise* — Do I move my muscles enough? Muscles need to be involved in an activity, which keeps them in condition to perform activities of daily life. Stretching increases flexibility and is important for muscle and bone health. *Sleep* — Do I get enough sleep and is it good sleep? Research indicates most people are sleep deprived. Studies have consistently shown the average person needs 10 hours of sleep per day. *Stress* — Am I too stressed?

There are many stressors in life. Two that play a major role are mental and emotional.

Mental are those that are short lived. An example is a flat tire. The flat is fixed. The mental stressor is gone. Emotional stressors are usually chronic and are produced from feelings of not being in control. This type of stressor is associated with chronic health problems. This checklist will provide a place to start as you look at prevention in your every day life. Prevention is the foundation upon which to build optimal health and take responsibility for ones own wellness. Are checklists important?

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Question: Sir, my question concerns the 15 mph speed limit leaving the east gate. As you approach the gate the sign indicates a 15 mph speed limit. When does the 15 mph limit end? The next speed limit sign is after you pass Land Road, which indicates a 45 mph limit. Is it reasonable to assume that you must maintain 15 mph until after Land Road? If not, I believe a sign should be put up indicating at what point you may resume a reasonable speed. Thanks.

Answer: You're correct; it's a 45 mph zone once you pass the visitor center. We've made contact with our civil engineers, and a new sign is up. Thanks for helping to improve Columbus AFB.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, looks at the smallpox vaccination with Lt. Col. (Dr.) Keith McCoy, 14th Medical Group. For more information, see story on Page 1 about smallpox.

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Black History Month Spotlight

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

How has the integration of African Americans in the military impacted the Air Force?: The integration of African Americans and all people and cultures into our Air Force has ensured our best and brightest are given the opportunity to proudly serve, lead and succeed. When it comes to defending our nation, performance and results are all that matter; and that has nothing to do with gender, color or creed.

Cultural Trivia

1. What great 19th century speaker declared education means “light and liberty”?
2. What important botanist came to be known as the “Peanut Man”?
3. Who invented a vertical spring that made it possible for cars to have convertible tops: James A. Jones or T.J. Byrd?
4. Who was the first African American ever to receive an academy Award?

Answers: 1. Frederick Douglass 2. George Washington Carver 3. James A. Jones 4. Hattie McDaniel

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Catch Me If You Can” (PG-13, some sexual content and brief language, 140 min.)

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Saturday

“Pinocchio” (G, 100 min.)

Starring Roberto Benigni.

Feb. 21

“Just Married” (PG-13, sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference, 95 min.)

Starring Ashton Kutcher.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Oct. 11

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

No College Level Examination Program tapes are shown due to the holiday Monday.

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Job workshop: A job skills identification workshop is from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday to help people learn what kind of jobs are best suited for them.

Baby bunch: A playgroup for infants to 3 year olds and their parents is at 1 p.m. Thursday. The guest speaker will talk about child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Workshop: A Microsoft Excel beginners’ workshop is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 25.

The seating is limited, and people must register in advance.

Family appreciation: Stop in and see all the information the family support center has to offer. Each month the FSC has at least one random drawing to present a free appreciation gift package.

Education grant: The deadline to apply for the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant is March 14.

The \$1,500 grant is available to eligible family members of active duty, reservists on extended active duty, full-time active duty, retired, retired reservists with 20 years or more, active-duty service and spouses of deceased Air Force people.

Call Shirley Pinkney for an application.

Educational loans: The Air Force Aid Society has interest-free loans for active-duty Air Force spouses and college-age children who wish to enroll in vocational and technical programs.

The society loans 50 percent of the course costs up to \$1,000.

Fam-Link: Occasionally newsletters are sent to people’s homes about special base events and things happening in the local area.

To subscribe to this free newsletter, send an e-mail to FSC@columbus.af.mil.

Deployment brief: Military people



Airman Alexis Lloyd

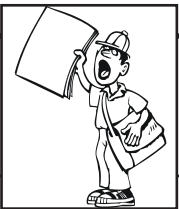
Checking out

LaSonja Stephens, library technician, hands books to Jessica Swiger at the library. The library offers an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday to orient base people on what services are available. Call Ext. 2934.

who are going to remote location or are deploying must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. every Thursday.

Sponsor training: This training is now available on the Columbus AFB Web site. The power point slide has a printable completion certificate that can be added to training records. Call Ext. 2790.

BASE NOTES



Playgroup: A Mommy and Me playgroup begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

This is a weekly playgroup for ages 18 months to 3 years and their parents. For more information, call Birgit Coslett at 434-5876.

ESC scholarships: The enlisted spouses’ club offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors, current college students, spouses and active-duty people.

Applicants must be the dependent child or spouse of an active-duty, retired or deceased or missing in action person.

Applications are at the education center, family support center or high school guidance offices.

Deadline to apply is March 1. For more information, call 434-5849.

Tax change: Changes for 2002 individ-

ual income tax returns make more military personnel eligible for earned income credit.

Formerly, nontaxable compensation such as basic allowance for housing and subsistence and income earned during qualifying combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area service were included in the EIC eligibility calculation.

For income earned in 2002, those amounts are no longer considered. As a result, more members will qualify for EIC. An example from this tax season highlights the point. A major who earned over \$56,000 spent part of the year deployed to a combat zone. As a result, only about \$25,000 of his income was taxable. He qualified for the EIC.

For more information, call the tax center at Ext. 7613 or Ext. 7612.

Thrift shop: The thrift shop hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until an hour before closing time. Call Ext. 8452.

Found property: The 14th Security Forces Squadron Investigation section has numerous items that have been found or turned in. Positive identification of an item is needed to reclaim the property.

Personal property shipment: In accordance with Department of Defense directive 4500.9R, installation commanders and supervisors should allow enough time off from duties for people to receive counseling and arrange for shipment of personal property. Call Ext. 2573.



T-1A Jayhawk

U.S. Air Force photo

SUPT Class 03-05 earns silver wings



T-38 Talon

U.S. Air Force photo



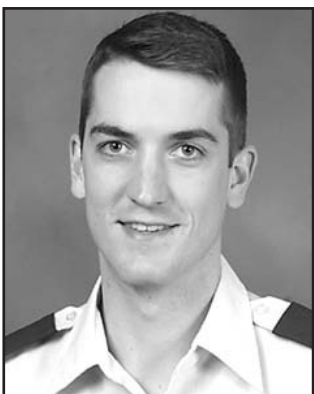
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KC-135, Robins AFB, Ga.



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KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kansas



2nd Lt. Kelly Turner
Dearborn, Mich.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del. (AFRC)



2nd Lt. Jonathan Zito
Hampton, N.H.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-05 graduated at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The graduation speaker was Col. Douglas Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

Raaberg is responsible for the combat-ready status of the U.S. Air Force's only B-2 wing.

He also provides logistics support for the Air Force Reserve's 442nd Fighter Wing, Missouri Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation unit, and the Navy Reserve's Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Peter Donnelly, T-1, and Eric Music, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award were presented to 2nd Lts. Joseph Gaona, T-38, and Jonathan Zito, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Donnelly and Music were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, sub-

sonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

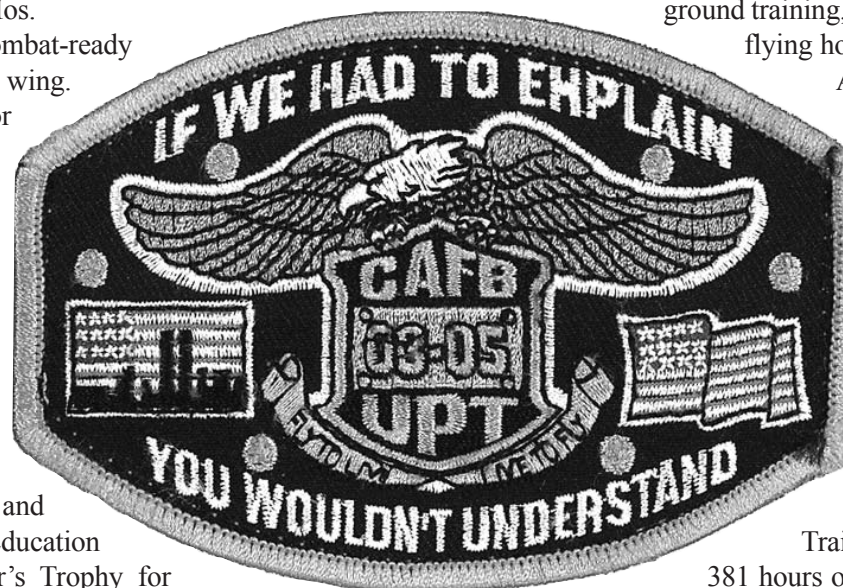
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



Services brings variety of programs to Columbus AFB

NAF auction: Services offers a non-appropriated fund sale of furniture, commercial kitchen equipment and more starting at 10 a.m. today at outdoor recreation for base personnel on a first-come, first-served basis.

An auction of the remaining equipment starts at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Viewing of equipment is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and prior to the auction Wednesday. Call Ext. 2505.

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount on each meal.

Entrees include but aren't limited to chicken Monterey, charbroiled New York strip steak and grilled pork chops Omaha. Call Ext. 2489.

All-ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 53 numbers or less.

Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Call Ext. 2489.

Rhythm and blues night: Disc Jockey Maze features rhythm and blues music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today in the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2489.

Post Valentines Day dance: The youth center offers a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. for ages 9 to 18 Saturday. Admission is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sweetheart pictures will be taken from 7 to 8 p.m. free of charge. A disc jockey provides the music and refreshments are served. Bring a guest for half price admittance. Call Ext. 2504.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23. Cost is \$10.95 and club members receive a \$2 discount. Be sure to ask for an entry for the Premier Vacation promotion. Call Ext. 2489.

Black history contests: The youth center offers several contests to test your knowledge of black history.

Enter the trivia contest from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by completing a trivia form in the presence of a staff member. Results are tallied each day and the winner with the most correct answers is announced at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Must be present to win.

Write an essay with 150 words or more about some historical moment in black history. Judging is at 4 p.m. Thursday. Essay must be typed and also submitted in a handwritten version.

There are three categories of competition: school age students, preteens and teens. Essays must be turned in by Tuesday.

Submit a pencil drawing by Feb. 25 of a famous black inventor to enter the drawing contest. Judging is Feb. 27 with the winner announced at the membership night Feb. 28. Call Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip Feb. 21 to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss.

Cost is \$15 per person, and it includes transportation and \$15 in coins.

The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Baby playgroup: The youth center offers a free baby playgroup for ages up to 12 months and their parents from 10 to 11 a.m. starting Feb. 26. Call Ext. 2504.

Auto skills special: The February special at the auto skills center includes a \$5 off coupon for a tire rotation and balance which also includes tire inspection.



Rachel Kasic

Let's play

Ricky Magers and Athena Brimer, 14th Services Division, get the game equipment and supplies ready for the Monte Carlo cruise and membership night starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbus Club. Childcare is also available during this time at the youth center and child development center. Childcare registration ends at noon Tuesday. Call Ext. 2489.

This service is regularly \$25. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

Disney World trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip during Spring Break, March 30 to April 3 to Orlando, Fla. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people in the same room, \$215 each for three people, and \$190 each for four people. Cost includes four nights lodging, transportation and shuttle service in Orlando. Reduced price ticket packages are available at ITT and are dependent upon age and parks visit- ing. Call Ext. 7858.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — \$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount — Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — A la carte menu is also available

Today
Fried catfish
Popcorn shrimp
Apple cobbler

Monday
Club closed

Tuesday
Swedish meatballs & pasta
Baked ham
Banana pudding

Wednesday
Pork chops
Beef tips
Apple cobbler

Thursday
Soup, salad and potato bar

AROUND TOWN

Backwoods Romeo: A three-act comedy, "Backwoods Romeo," by the First Baptist Church Youth Drama Ministry at the Trotter Convention Center today.

The dinner theater is produced with Baker's Plays of Boston. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. For more information, call 327-6098.

Comedy of Errors: The National Shakespeare Company presents "The Comedy of Errors" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 and Feb. 25. at McComas Hall at Mississippi State University.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for children under 12. For

more information, call (662) 325-4201.

Columbus auction: A Columbus Arts Council Auction is at 6 p.m. March 1 at the Trotter Convention Center. The theme is "Hooray for Hollywood."

People are encouraged to dress like their favorite movie star. Awards are given for the best, original and authentic costumes in several categories.

Tickets are \$50 per person. The cost includes dinner with entertainment in a combination of a stage show, a one-act play and old movie clips.

There is a silent auction and a live auction. Proceeds help fund arts and art education programs for people of all

ages. Tickets are on sale at the Rosenzweig Arts Center. For more information, call 328-8727.

Tops in Blue: Air Force premier entertainment showcase for the entire family begins at 3 p.m. March 2 at the Joe Cook Auditorium.

It brings music, dance and comedy — all performed by men and women in blue who perform 90 minutes of non-stop live entertainment.

The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Ext. 2337.

Pilgrimage: The spring pre-Civil War home tours begin April 1 and runs

through April 14. For a free brochure, call 327-2686.

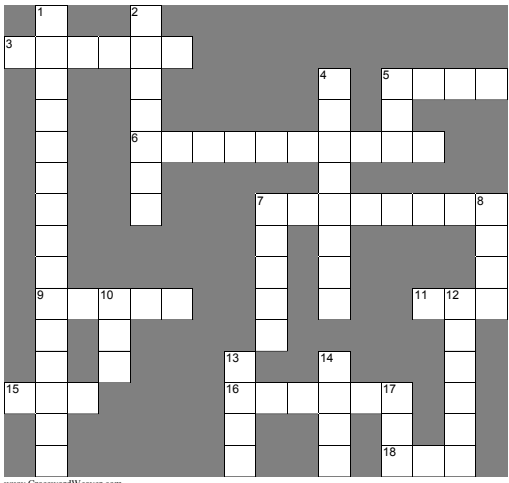
Waterway: The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway is a 234-mile navigation link between the Lower Tennessee Valley and the Gulf of Mexico.

It runs through Columbus and connects the Tennessee River, in northeast Mississippi to the Black Warrior/Tombigbee River system, in west central Alabama.

Built and run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the "Tenn-Tom" allows for not only navigation, but recreation to include camping, boating, fishing and hunting.

CROSSWORD

This puzzle is brought to Columbus AFB by the Operational Readiness Inspection team. It is designed to get the base familiar with the ORI.



Across

- 3 This alarm condition means an attack is probable.
- 5 Failure to comply with the ROE may be punishable under ____.
- 6 While serving in a foreign country, military mem- bers must be good ____.
- 7 These agents maim, kill, seriously injure or incapac- itate unprotected people
- 9 IG team arrives and starts inspecting on March ____.
- 11 What is the acronym for the survival recovery cen- ter?
- 15 During peacetime, you must inspect your mask every ____ months.
- 16 This degree of burn is characterized by blistered skin and is painful to the touch.
- 18 What is the acronym for the Crisis Action Team?

Down

- 1 Consists of four levels: immediate, operational, thor- ough, and reconstitution
- 2 Woman credited with producing the first commercial American valentines in 1840
- 4 Where can a link to the Wing ORI 2003 Website be found?
- 5 What is the acronym for unexploded ordinance?
- 7 Child-like winged deity
- 8 In armed conflict the ____ and ROE provide guid- ance on the use of force
- 10 A key to success for the ORI is to prepare ____.
- 12 An objective of the ORI is to have no ____ write-ups.
- 13 AFH 32-4014 is designed for all ____ personnel stationed in, or deployable to a CB high threat area
- 14 Symbol of love
- 15 What is the acronym for the Damage Control Center?

Answers can be found on Page 12.



Services holiday hours

The following are the holiday hours for services activities Monday

Auto skills center — closed
Bowling center — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Child development center — closed
Columbus Club — closed
Copy Cut-Ups — closed
Enlisted Lounge — closed
Fitness Center — closed

Golf Course — closed
Landing Lounge — closed
Library — closed
Outdoor recreation — closed
ITT — closed
Skills development center — closed
Youth center — closed

Harlem Ambassadors encourage children to be safe

Their message is stay off drugs, go to school, foster racial harmony

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

Children of all ages silently sat in the middle of the youth center basketball court patiently awaiting the arrival of the Harlem Ambassadors.

Alvin Washington, Harlem Ambassador announcer, stirs the crowd up and introduces the Harlem Ambassadors with one message.

“Stay drug free,” Washington said. “We play five to six times a week, there is no way we could keep that pace on drugs.”

The team is composed of seven players. All the players are currently pursuing college degrees or they already have one.

Each player has overcome challenges

to become a part of the Ambassadors.

“I was cut from my high school basketball team when I was a sophomore and a senior,” said David Apple, Harlem Ambassador.

“Also my grades were very low, but my parents and peers pushed me to make myself better,” Apple said. “I applied myself and my grades rose.”

The rest of the players went on to describe their trials and tribulations leading up to playing for the Harlem Ambassadors.

“We are all from the inner cities and have overcome some huge challenges to get where we are today,” Washington said.

The players have traveled to more than 19 countries around the world from

Bosnia to Japan in five years.

The mission of the Harlem Ambassadors is to deliver a quality basketball show to their audiences throughout the United States and internationally.

Apple said he loves to come out and perform at military bases and meet servicemembers from around the world.

In addition, they promote values of staying in school, staying off of drugs and fostering racial harmony.

Following the event, the Ambassadors played some basketball with the children and spent time with people to answer questions and get to know them.

“It was fun and I thought they were cool,” said Abbie Bowles, 7 years old.

“They taught me drugs are wrong.”



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Claude Davis Jr., Harlem Ambassador, plays keep away from children.

SHORTS

Spring soccer

Deadline for registering for ages 3 and up indoor soccer is today at the youth center.

Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Volunteer coaches are needed to support this program. Season’s scheduled to begin in March.

Players must have a current physical on file or obtain one before the start of the program.

Players who register after the deadline are charged a late fee. Call Ext. 2504.

Soccer game

The Columbus AFB Soccer League’s games begin Saturday. The games are the Red Team against the White Team at 11 a.m. and the Green Team against the Blue Team at 1 a.m. These games are only practice games and don’t count for standing. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Youth league

The deadline to register for off-base youth center boys’ baseball and girls’ softball teams in Columbus-Lowndes Recreation League is Feb. 28.

The age groups are boys ages 11-12 and 13-15, girls ages 11-12 and 13-15. The cost is \$40 per player. Volunteer coaches are needed to coach each age group. Transportation is provided. Call Ext. 2504.

Tae Kwon Do

This class is offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Student must be at least five years old to enroll. Call Ext. 2504.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can sched-

ule a Fitness 101 class. The center shows the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics classes

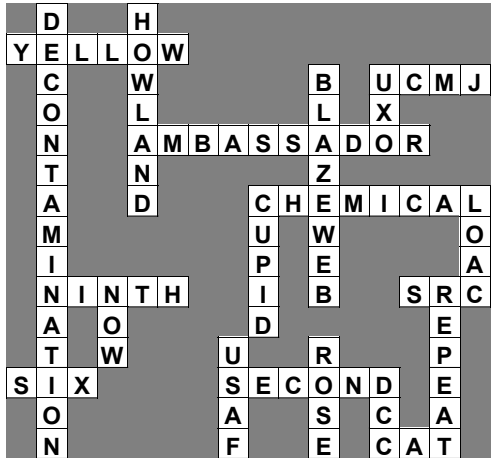
Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center. There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m.

Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday.

Computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per



person plus green fees for nonmembers.

Bowling special

The December family bowling special is from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays. Bowling is \$1.25 a game, and shoe rental is 50 cents. Check with the snack bar for the food special. Call Ext. 2426.

After-school bowling special

An after-school bowling special is from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for people attending school. Cost is \$1 per game and 50 cents for shoes. Last game must be completed by 5 p.m. to allow for league set-ups. Call Ext. 2426.

	Team	Wins	Losses
Basketball standings The following are the intramural league standings as of Wednesday.	48th FTS	8	3
	OSS	10	4
	DynCorp	10	5
	37th/41st FTS	8	5
	14th COM	9	6
	14th MSS	8	6
	50th FTS	5	7
	14th MDG	5	10
	14th SFS	0	17

	Team	Wins	Losses
Bowling standings The following are the intramural Thursday leagues standings as of Feb. 6.	Misfits	120	40
	Strokin	102	58
	14th OSS	100	60
	SFS #1	64	96
	48th FTS	56	104
	SFS #2	32	128